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Caledonian Mercury

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A short Account of all the most considerable News,
Foreign and Domestic.

Edinburgh, Tuesday October 29, 1723.

From the Evening Post, October 25.

This Day we had one Mail from France.

Paris, October 30.

MR. de Mesmont, Equerry of the great Stable of the King, being disappointed in his Expectation of having the Honour to teach his Majesty to ride the great Horse, has obtained Leave to dispose of his Place to his Brother; besides which, his Majesty was pleased to grant him his Royal Letters, by Virtue of which, he is declared superannuated; and therefor has his Salary and Pensions continued during Life.

Hamburg, October 22. Letters from Stockholm say, The King of Sweden keeps his Chamber again, being indisposed with the Gravel. Mr. Bestuchof, the Russian Minister at that Court, has presented a Memorial, demanding, that Commissioners be appointed to treat with him about an Alliance between the two Crowns; accordingly Commissioners were appointed by the King and Senate.

London, October 24. The Prince and Princess is to come to Town next Saturday.

The William and Mary Yacht Capt. Moses, is to sail down the River, in order to sail for Holland to bring over the E. of Albemarle and his Lady.

This Day at Noon S. S. Stock was 110, 7 8ths. S. S. Annuity 99, 7 8ths. Bank 119, 3 qrs. India 137. African 11, one half. York Buildings 13, 1 qr.

From

For the Benefit of the Publick.

ANNO DOMINI GEORGII REGIS,

An Act to oblige all Persons being Papists, in that Part of Great Britain called SCOTLAND, and all Persons in Great Britain refusing or neglecting to take the Oaths appointed for the Security of his Majesty's Person and Government, by several Acts therein mentioned, to register their Names and real Estates.

WHEREAS since his Majesty's happy Accession to the Crown of these Realms, divers Rebellions, Insurrections, and Traitorous Conspiracies have been entered into, and carried on, for the Destruction of his Majesty's most sacred Person and Government, the overturning our religious and Civil Rights, and for placing a Popish Pretender on the Throne: And whereas the Papists, and other Persons, refusing to take the Oaths appointed by Law to be taken to his Majesty, have enjoy'd, and do still enjoy the Protection and Benefit of the Government, as well as the rest of his Majesty's Subjects; yet have been notoriously concern'd in Contriving, stirring up and Supporting the said Rebellions, Insurrections and Conspiracies, by which it most manifestly appears, that they take themselves to be obliged, by the Principles they profess to be Enemies to his Majesty's and the present happy Establishment; and for as much as it is highly reasonable, that the Government should be thoroughly acquainted with, and apprized of their Numbers, Names and Real Estates of such disaffected Persons, as aforesaid, in order more effectually to prevent, disappoint, or punish the like traitorous Attempts for the future, in such Manner, as by the Wisdom of Parliament shall hereafter be thought proper: Be it therefore enacted by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all and every Person and Persons whatever, inhabiting in that Part of Great Britain, called England, Wales, Town of Berwick upon Tweed, who shall be at the Age of Eighteen, or upwards, not having already taken the Oaths appointed to be taken in and by an Act made in the First Year of his Majesty's Reign, [intituled, *An Act for the further Security of his Majesty's Person and Government, and the Succession of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princess Sophia being Protestants, and for extinguishing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales, and his open and secret Abettors*] and who shall neglect or refuse to take the said Oaths on before the Twenty fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and twenty three, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, or at the General and Quarter-sessions for the County, City, Town, Liberty or Division, where such Person or Persons shall live or inhabit, all and every such Person or Persons, who shall neglect or refuse to take the said Oaths by the Time aforesaid, shall, on or before the Twenty fifth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and twenty four, Register, or cause to be registered, their Respective Names and Real Estates, in such and the same Manner and Form, as Papists were obliged and directed to Register their Names and Real Estates in and by an Act passed in the First Year of his Majesty's Reign (intituled *An Act to oblige Papists to Register their Names and Real Estates*;) and also by another Act made and passed in the Third Year of his said Majesty's Reign (intituled, *An Act for explaining an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, An Act to oblige Papists to Register their Names and Real Estates; and for enlarging the Time for such Registering, and for securing Purchases made to Protestants*;) and respective Officers, appointed by the said last mentioned Acts, passed in the First and Third Years of his Majesty's Reign, appointed and directed to take and receive the Registers of the Names and Real Estates of such Papists, are hereby authorized and required to take and receive the Registers of the Names and Real Estates, which are by Virtue of this Act appointed to be registered, in such and the same Manner and Form, as by the said last mentioned Acts are prescribed in relation to Papists; and shall sign and return true Copies of the same into his Majesty's Court of Exchequer at Westminster, on or before the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and twenty four.

And it is hereby further enacted, That every Article, Clause, and Thing, in the said last mentioned Acts contained, relating to the Registering the Names and Real Estates of Papists, or to the receiving or taking the said Registers, and the examining upon Oath, or otherwise, into the Truth and Reality of the same, shall extend and be construed to extend to all and every the Registers required and directed to be made and received, by and in pursuance of this Act, in as full and ample Manner, as if the same were herein again particularly recited and enacted.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Papist, or reputed Papist or other Person or Persons, professing the Popish Religion, and all and every Person or Persons whatsoever, inhabiting in that Part of Great Britain, called SCOTLAND, who shall be at the Age of Eighteen Years or upwards, not having already taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, subscribed the Assurance, and taken and signed the Oath of Abjuration as directed to be taken and subscribed by such Persons, who bear any Office under his Majesty, by the aforesaid Act, made in the First Year of his Majesty's Reign (intituled, *An Act for the further Security of his Majesty's Person and Government, and the Succession of the Crown in the Heirs of the Princess Sophia being Protestants, and for extinguishing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales, and his open and secret Abettors*;) and who shall neglect or refuse to take and subscribe the said Oaths, and subscribe the said Assurance on or before the Twenty fifth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and twenty four, before and in the Court of the Lords of Session, or the Court of Justiciary, or the Court of Exchequer in SCOTLAND, or before the Justices of the Peace at the Quarter-sessions held for the County, Shire, Stewartry, City, Burgh, Town, or Liberty, where such Person or Persons shall live or inhabit, or before Sheriffs or Stewards, or their Deputies, in open Court held for such Shire, Stewartry, City, or Borough respectively, where such Person or Persons, shall live or inhabit, as aforesaid, every such Papist, reputed Papist, or Person professing the Popish Religion, and all and every such other Person or Persons, who shall refuse or neglect to take and subscribe the said Oaths, and subscribe the said Assurance by the Time aforesaid; shall on or before the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and twenty four, Register or cause to be registered, their Names and Real Estates in the Sheriff's Court, of such Shire or County wherein their Estates do respectively lie, in the same

same Manner and Form, as Papists in that Part of Great Britain called England, were obliged and directed to Register their Names and Real Estates in, and by an Act passed in the First Year of his Majesty's Reign (Intituled, *An Act to oblige Papists to Register their Names and Real Estates*) and also by another Act passed the Third Year of his Majesty's Reign (Intituled, *An Act for explaining an Act passed last Session of Parliament, Intituled, An Act to oblige Papists to Register their Names and Real Estates, and for enlarging the Time for such Registering, and for securing Writings made by Protestants*;) and the said respective Sheriffs, or Sheriffs Deputies, are hereby directed and required to take and receive such Registrations, as are hereby required to be made, and keep such Books, and make such Entries, as the Clerks of the Peace of the several Counties within that Part of Great Britain called England, are, by Virtue of the aforesaid Act of the First of his Majesty's Reign, (Intituled, *An Act to oblige Papists to Register their Names and Real Estates*;) directed and required to keep and make; and shall sign and return true Copies of such Registrations into his Majesty's Court of Exchequer in SCOTLAND, on or before the Twenty fourth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and twenty four.

And be it further enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That every Article, Clause and Thing, in the said last mentioned Act contained, relating to the receiving, taking, and entering the Registrations of the Names and real Estates of Papists, and the examining upon Oath, or otherwise, into the Truth and Reality of the same, shall extend and be construed to extend to all and every the Registrations required and directed to be made and received in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, by and in Pursuance of this Act; and to give the same Powers, Authority and Directions to the said Sheriffs, or Sheriff-Deputies, respectively, as by the said last mention'd Act, are or were given to the Justices of the Peace, in their open Quarter-Sessions, and Clerks of the Peace to the several Counties in that Part of Great Britain called England, in as full and ample Manner, as if the same were herein again particularly recited and enacted.

And be it further enacted, that in case any Person or Persons, who is or are hereby directed and required to take and subscribe the Oaths and Assurance respectively as aforesaid, or for Want thereof, to register his, her or their Names and real Estates, shall not take and subscribe such Oaths and Assurance respectively, or register, or cause to be registered, their Names and Real Estates in such Manner, as in this Act before is directed, within the respective Time herein before limited and appointed for the doing thereof; then and in every such Case, the Person or Persons neglecting or refusing to take and subscribe such Oaths and Assurance respectively, or for want thereof, to make such Registry, as aforesaid, shall forfeit the Fee-Simple and Inheritance of, or such Estate and Interest in all such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments not registered, whereof he, she or they, or any Person or Persons in Trust for him, her or them, was or were seized in Fee-Simple, or otherwise interested in at the Time of such Default, as aforesaid; Two third Parts thereof to the King, and the other Third Part thereof to such Person or Persons, being a Protestant or Protestants, who shall sue for such forfeited Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, as shall lie in England, the Dominions of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed, in any such Court, and by such Ways and Means, as are directed by the said recited Act to oblige Papists to register their Names and Real Estates; and shall sue in his Majesty's Court of Exchequer in SCOTLAND, for such forfeited Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, as shall lie in that Part of Great Britain, called SCOTLAND.

Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend to any Person or Persons, now beyond Seas, who by Virtue of this Act ought to take and subscribe the said Oaths and Assurance respectively, or make such Registry as aforesaid, so as such Person or Persons do, within Six Months after his, her, or their Return into Great Britain, take or subscribe the said Oaths and Assurance respectively, or make such Registry, as aforesaid, according to the Appointment of this Act.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons, being Protestants, in that Part of Great Britain, called SCOTLAND, hath or have taken and subscribed, or shall within the respective Times by this Act limited, take and subscribe the Oath appointed to be taken by Ministers and Preachers in SCOTLAND, by an Act of the Fifth Year of his Majesty's Reign, (Intituled, *An Act for making more effectual the Laws appointing the Oaths for Security of the Government, to be taken by Ministers and Preachers in Churches and Meeting-Houses in SCOTLAND*) instead and in lieu of the Abjuration Oath, such Person or Persons shall be deemed and taken to have complied with the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, in as full and ample Manner, as if such Person had taken the said Oath of Abjuration, and shall not incur any of the Penalties or Forfeitures inflicted by this Act, or be obliged to Register his, her or their Names or Real Estates; Any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And for the better Discovery of Papists and reputed Papists in that Part of Great Britain, called SCOTLAND, Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid; That all Papists, reputed Papists, and Persons professing the Popish Religion in SCOTLAND, as aforesaid, shall at the Time of taking and subscribing the Oaths of Allegiance and Abjuration, and repeating and subscribing the Assurance, as is herein before directed and required, make and subscribe the Declaration called the Formula; as the same is recited in an Act of Parliament of SCOTLAND, passed in the Year, One thousand seven hundred, (Intituled *An Act for preventing the Growth of Popery*;) and in case such Papists, or reputed Papists, shall neglect or refuse to take and subscribe the said Formula, at such Time or Times as are herein before directed, such Papist, or reputed Papist, shall be obliged to Register, or cause to be Registered, his, her, or their Names and Real Estates, in Manner and Form, as is herein before directed, or for want thereof, shall be liable to, and incur the like Penalties and Forfeitures, as are by this Act inflicted and enacted against such Persons as shall neglect or refuse to take the several Oaths appointed by this Act to be taken, or in case of such Refusal, shall neglect to make, or cause to be made, such Register, as aforesaid; Any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it enacted, that for taking and subscribing the Oaths and Assurance appointed by this Act, Three Pence shall be paid, and no more; and for any Certificate thereof, if required, One Shilling, and no more.

F I N I S.

From

From the Evening Post, October 24.

Amsterdam, October 25. Private Letters from Cambray say, That Baron Bentenrieder, Ambassador and Plenipotentiary from the Emperor, having received an Express from Prague with Dispatches concerning the Investiture of the States of Italy and the Ostend Company, was to set out the 21st for Versailles, there to execute a Commission on the part of the Emperor.

Leghorn, Octob. 10. The Master of a French Tartan which comes from Tunis, relates that 2 Capigi Bashaws, sent by the Ottoman Porte to admonish that Regency to conclude a Peace with the Emperor and the States General, having delivered to the Dey the Letters of the Grand Signior and the Grand Visier, the Dey returned for Answer, That he was ready to comply, provided the Negotiations for such a Treaty might be carried on at Tunis, without obliging that Regency to send Deputies to Constantinople; because it is not customary so to do: Moreover the Dey insists, by way of Preliminary, upon having such Presents sent him as he usually receives from France and England upon Conclusions of a Treaty.

London, Octob. 24. Yesterday being the first Day of the Term, the State Prisoners that were bailed out of the Tower, viz. the Duke of Northfolk, Earl of Orrery, Lord North and Grey, Dr. Friend and Mr. Denis Kelly, appeared on their Recognizances at the King's Bench Bar; as did several others, for Libels against the Government, &c. and were all continued.

We hear that Dr. Nettleton, who has inoculated many Persons in Yorkshire, was lately to attend a Patient he had inoculated above a Year ago, who is now dead of the natural Small Pox; and that the Doctor designs to write to the College of Physicians, to put a Stop to that Practice.

Last Sunday-night a young Gentlewoman going over the Fields to Islington, was set upon near Sir John Old Castle's by a Foot Soldier and a Woman, who first took away her Riding-hood, and then stript her gradually; the Woman urging her Companion the Soldier to murder, which he would not do: However, he gagged her Mouth, and gave her 2 Blows with his Bayonet, leaving her in the Fields almost naked. She was found some Time after, and carried to the House call'd Sir John Old Castle's, where the People put her to Bed, and took a great deal of Care about her. The next Day the Gentlewoman's Friends sent a Chariot and brought her away to their House in the Strand, where she lies past all Recovery.

The South Sea Annuity Warrants for the Quarter's Dividend due at Michaelmas last, will be delivered, and will be pay'd on or before the 30 Instant.

This Day set Sail for Holland, the Mary Yacht, Capt. Charles Molley, to bring over from thence, the Duke and Dutcheß of Richmond.

The Bishop of Norwich is to be Consecrated next Sunday at Lambeth, and the Reverend Mr. Gordon preaches on that Occasion.

This Day the Suspension of the *Habeas Corpus* Act expires.

Wye's Lettes verbatim, London, October 25.

IT was on the 4th Instant and not before, as was reported, That the concerted Duel between General Fleeming and the Prussian Lieutenant, Van Podwitz, was fought and executed in such a remarkable Manner, that we believe it may not be amiss to give you the Particulars thereof, which are, viz.

On the 4th Instant at 10 in the Morning both Parties with their Seconds repaired to the Place appointed near Saltsfurt, in the Principality of Desslaw, where, after the usual Ceremonies in marking out the Ground for the Combat, each having a Coffin covered with black Velvet; the two Combatants at 6 Paces distance began the Fire. The Prussian Lieutenant having fired one of his Pistols, shot the Lieutenant General thro' his Hat; upon which the Latter fired at his Antagonist, tho' without hurting him, after each had discharged one of the Pistols, the Seconds on both Sides cry'd out *Honour enough to both*, with Intent

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to bring them off safe and honourably: But the Prussian Lieutenant would not stop here, so fired his other Pistol at the General, whose Ball went thro' the Lieutenant General's Periwig: The Lieutenant seeing all his Fire spent, endeavoured to draw his Sword to make at the Lieutenant General, but before he could effect it, the Latter fired his 2d Pistol with such Success, That he laid the Lieutenant flat upon the Ground. After this tragical Action, the Corps of the Lieutenant was put in his own Coffin and carried to Saltruff. 'Tis remarked, that his Prussian Majesty had sometime before this Duel, made the aforesaid Lieutenant a Major in his Troops: and that the true Occasion of this Quarrel arose from Matters of a publick Nature, not principally relative to either of the Combatants.

Yesterday Mr. John Stanely, who had lately sold his Commission in the Guards, was committed to Newgate, for the Murder of one Hannah Moccock; by stabbing her with his Sword, at a private House in the old Bailly, of which Wound she died in less than an Hour: The Fact was done the Night before.

'Tis said, that Dr. Nettleton, who has inoculated many Persons in Yorkshire; was lately called to attend a Patient he had inoculated a Year before, who is now dead of the natural small pox: Should this prove true, it will very probably put a Stop to that Practice, the unlawfulness of which, has been fully set forth by several learned Writers. The Lord Widdrington is not dead as was said.

Yesterday being the First of the Term, the several Noblemen, Gentlemen and others, bound over to the King's Bench Bar appeared, recorded the same, and were continued upon their Recognizance.

This Day the Suspension of the *Habeas Corpus* Act expires; all Things are in a Quiet and peaceable State, so that 'tis hoped there will be no Occasion for suspending again the foresaid Act, nor for any further Augmentation of the Army. We are in a longing Expectation of hearing from his Majesty's most powerful Interpositions, the good News of the Removal of the Difficulties which have retarded the Opening of the Cambray Congress, also an Accommodation of the Religious Grievances, and that relating to the Offend Company, which should the Emperor continue inflexible in his Resolution to support it, will most certainly be of very ill Consequences to the Peace of Europe.

Yesterday great Numbers of Persons of both Sexes took the Oaths at the Courts of King's Bench, Common Pleas and Exchequer; and we hear, that during the present Term, they will administer the Oaths on Mondays and Thursdays in the Court of King's Bench; Tuesdays and Fridays, in the Common Pleas, and Wednesdays and Saturdays, in the Court of Exchequer.

The Bishop of Norwich (Dr. King) is to hold the Living of Baddington in Surry, in *Commendam*, for 3 Years.

The Lord Conway is appointed one of his Majesty's Privy Council in Ireland: From whence we have Advice, That the House of Commons have granted a Supply for paying off the Debt of that Nation, which Supply is 66300 *L.* ending at Christmas last. They likewise granted 2000 *L. per Annum* for 2 Years to the Trustees for the Linnen Manufacturies, to encourage the raising sufficient Quantities of Hemp and Flax in that Kingdom:

Mr. Seabright's Servant, being recovered of his Wounds, arrived here last Tuesday from Calais.

The Duke and Dutchess of Richmond, and the Earl of Albemarle and his Lady are coming over from Holland.

'Tis said the Duke of Leeds is gone to Oxford.

Edinburgh, October 29. Hallow Fair which was to have begun as on Friday, is adjourned to Tuesday the 5th Proximo.

We are credibly informed that the Lord William Hay is dead.

Yesterday Dr. Eccles, a famous Physician in this City, was buried.

ADVERTISEMENT S.

* * To be sold at Eccles in Berwickshire Rye-grass-seed at 10 Shillings *sterl.* the Boll, being of the first Years Crop: As also a good Quantity of Thorns of different Ages and Sizes, with Barren-trees of all Sorts at reasonable Prices. Such as want them at Edinburgh. shall have them delivered there, free of all Charges, and may enquire for Walter Wordie Writer in Edinburgh, to be found at Durie's Office, opposite to the Stinking-stile in the Lucken-booths, who will inform them as to the different Kinds, Ages and Prices of the saids Thorns and Barren-trees.

That

That there is to be Sold at *Fetteress* near *Stonhew*
a Parcel of *Fruit* and *Barten Trees* at reasonable
Rates.

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Thing that has yet appeared, *impregnating* the *Seeds*, of every Kind of
Corn, to such a *Degree*, as scarce any *single Grain* misgives, whereby *Half* the
Quantity of *Seed* usually taken will suffice; and from that *Half* sown, an *In-*
crease is to be expected, modestly speaking, *Double*, if not *Triple* of what the full
Seed would otherwise produce; and yet is so far from weakening, That it nourishes
the *Ground*, and puts it in a much better *Condition* than it was before; And
operating not only upon a *rich Soil*, but serving in Place of *Dung*, has also a surprising
Effect upon the *Coldest* and *Poorest Grounds*, where no *Dung* is used: Of such a
Quality as it may be kept for a Term of Years without losing it's *Virtue*. Is made
by *Robert Geddes* *Chirurgion* *Apothecary* in *Edinburgh*, and sold only at the
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The Method of preparing the Seed by the Compound.

Pour a *Bottle* of the *Compound* upon a *Peck* of *Seed*, of any kind of *Corn*, and so
proportionably less or more, according to the Quantity of *Seed* to be sown;
without any other *Mixture* whatsoever; let the *Seed* be immediatly moved, or tur-
ned over in the *Vessel*, so as it may be all equally wet by the *Compound*; continue
to move or turn it over, at least once every *Half-Hour*, for the Space of four *Hours*,
that it may drink the *Compound* wholly up; And whenever the *Seed* is so dry, as
it does separate well enough in the *Hand* for sowing, let it be sown into the *Ground*;
and cause harrow the *Ground* without Loss of Time

N. B. The *Inventor* of this *Composition* makes it easy to try the *Experiment*, con-
fident of the *Virtue* of the *Compound*; he proposes the *Simplest Method* of using it.
Mere Pretenders usually leave much to be done by those they prescribe to, that when
their *Experiments* fail, they may have a *Handle* left them, to throw the *Blame* from
off themselves.

†† To be sold, a fine Chariot and 2 handsome young
well sized Mares. Enquire at *George Purdie*, in the Ex-
change Coffee-House, *Edinburgh*.

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N. B. That all *Advertisements* to be insert in the *Caledonian Mercury*, are for the
future to be given in to Mr. *Rolland*, Author thereof, or to *James Grant*,
at Mr. *Adams's* Printing-house: And all Payments for *Advertisements*, or
Quarter-payments for the *News-paper*, are hereafter to be made to Mr. *Rol-*
land himself, or to the said *James Grant*.

N. B. The 3d Quarter of this current Year of the *Caledonian Mercury*, commences
this Day; which 'tis expected the *Subscribers* will take Notice of, and send in the
current Quarter and all *Bygones*.